

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, with the following paragraph:

To carry out the method of this invention inside the holds of the vessels in accordance with one embodiment of this invention, the gases that are emitted from the steamer engines' exhaust chimneys are used. These gases comprise carbon dioxide, nitrogen, carbon monoxide and other gases coming from the engine combustion. The quantity of gases that these engines produce is substantially greater than what is necessary to fumigate all of the holds of the vessel. Therefore, it is desirable to separate out the desired gases. To separate the carbon dioxide and nitrogen, the gases coming from the exhaust are washed, filtered, cooled and catalysed. The separated carbon dioxide and nitrogen are then transmitted to the holds to be fumigated. With some easy calculations, the amount of time required for the process can be readily determined. Thereafter, the device is disconnected and the goods are completely protected. An efficiency is thus realized by utilizing the primary source of motive power for the vessel, which is already in place and producing otherwise wasted gases, to produce the gases utilized for fumigation.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, with the following paragraph:

In the case of oil extraction plants, all of them have boilers. Presently, all of the gases they produce are emitted to the atmosphere. Performing the same treatment above mentioned, we can obtain from those gases the carbon dioxide and the nitrogen we are interested in for carrying out the treatment to the stored goods. An efficiency is thus realized by utilizing the primary energy source of the boiler, which is already in place and producing otherwise wasted gases, to produce the gases utilized for fumigation.